



## North Central Region Civil Air Patrol

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### 1988 Spaatz Cadet and 2006 Congressional Candidate Learned Leadership from CAP



*Darcy Gibbons Burner*

explores Burner's involvement in Nebraska Wing.

"I was the executive officer of the Nebraska Wing, which, as far as I know is an unprecedented thing, to have a cadet fill a wing staff command position," Burner told the interviewer. "I ran a fairly large cadet activities [program], I eventually chaired the North Central Region Cadet Advisory Council.

"It was from the Civil Air Patrol that I internalized the principle that a true leader will not ask somebody under their command to do something they are not willing to do," Burner added. "You have to be willing to do anything that you ask of those working for you.

Burner earned the General Carl A. Spaatz Award number 873 in February 1988. She, her husband and their young son live outside Carnation, Washington.

The blog interview can be read at:

<http://hominidviews.com/?p=548>

A former Nebraska Wing cadet who ran for Congress last year in Washington State credits CAP with teaching her about leadership. Darcy Gibbons Burner was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 2006.

The interview, by a Washington State blogger,

### Iowa Wing Re-Organizes To Prepare For Missions Ahead

The Iowa Wing has completed a three year reorganization. In the fall of 2003, wing leadership foresaw a lack of missions and inadequate funding. If unchecked, these conditions would put the wing in crisis. The wing leadership undertook an extensive process to determine the cause of the crisis and how to abate it. This resulted in a change of wing's strategic operational theory.

The wing went to work rekindling relationships with the State and the Legislature. In 2005, the Iowa Legislature passed a bill that placed the Iowa Wing under the Iowa National Guard in the state structure. This bill also conferred state insurance protection on the members of the Iowa Wing who are called to duty by the state to respond to emergencies. It also allowed the state to appropriate funds to the Iowa Wing to help re-build and re-organize the Wing.

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*CAP National Commander Gen. Anthony Pineda, right, meets Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis, Iowa adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Mark Zirkelbach, deputy adjutant general.*

## **Kansas Conducts ES Training**

Kansas Wing conducted Emergency Services "Triad Training" during weekend of Jan. 27-28.

Lt. Col. Ronald Williams, aircrew training project officer, led training based on the curriculum of the national Mission Aircrew School. Williams planned and coordinated with Col. Bernard King, Lt. Col. Edmund Hill, Maj. Pat Downey and Capt. Lynn Haltom, all from wing headquarters, and Lt. Col. John Schmidt of the Lawrence Composite Squadron and Maj. Jerrol Bahner of the Topeka Eagle Composite Squadron.

Maj. Dennis Pearson, the wing's emergency services officer, served as ground team leader training project officer. He coordinated training with facilitators Maj. Jonathan Holder of wing headquarters, Maj. Phillip Aye and Maj. Ron Schlesener of the Emporia Composite Squadron, Capt. Duane Filkins and Cadet Lt. Col. Dillon Filkins of the Lawrence Composite Squadron and Col. Timothy Hansen of the Flint Hills Composite Squadron.

Additional ground team training emphasized basic terrorism awareness, basic hazardous materials awareness, ballistic recovery system hazards and search procedures, working with different types of grid systems, tracking procedures, proper briefing and debriefing procedures, and staging area operations. Participants learned that reviewing night land navigation procedures requires additional time. Holder provided familiarization training on using EFJ handheld and mobile radios and on searching with the new 406 MHz direction-finding units.

Besides learning and reviewing emergency service mission skills, the training sessions provided a great opportunity "for members to socialize and follow the other abbreviation for CAP... 'Come and play!'" Pearson said.

"As we develop SAR professionals and member pride in their capabilities, we also develop an attitude that ES can be fun," he said. "Isn't that part of teamwork within the triad?"

## **"Commander's Call" by Col. Sean P. Fagan**

I'm sure that everyone has heard the line "There is no I in teamwork." Have you ever stop to think what this phrase means? The dictionary defines teamwork as "Work being done by several people, with each doing a part but all personal working towards the efficiency of the whole".

As the Commander of the North Central Region, I would like every member, both Officer and Cadet to consider themselves as a member of the North Central Region Team. I realize that everyone has personal goals which they would like to achieve in the professional development of their Civil Air Patrol careers. I understand this and consider professional development very important. What I am saying, is for everyone to remember that you are also an important part of the team and your actions should always work towards building the team, not tearing it down.

In the words of Brigadier General Greg Biscone, the 509th Bomb Wing Commander at Whiteman Air Force Base: "Every time you interact with someone else, you have the opportunity to leave that person stronger or weaker. At the same time, that interaction will also make you stronger or weaker in their eyes. Everyday, we are all given opportunities to improve personal and team strength...choose strength!"

Every member of the North Central Team, from Cadet Basics to Colonels have the "power" to be a positive influence on another member of the team, and in doing so, build the strength of the team. Be positive in your approach to your Civil Air Patrol profession and in the personal relationships that you have in your positions. In doing this, you will acquire and retain the respect of your supervisors and peers.

Thank you for your dedication to the Civil Air Patrol and all that you do to make the North Central Region the strong team that it is.



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*Cass County cadets Josh Hargis, Karra Miller, and Josh Goodman practice rescue breathing on adult CPR manikins.*

### Cass County Completes CPR Course

The Cass County Squadron of Missouri Wing completed CPR/AED training with eight cadets and three adult officers on Thursday, December 28 and Friday, December 29, 2006, at the squadron headquarters.

The squadron recently purchased five family packs of Laerdal manikins. Participants spent one and a half days learning and practicing Red Cross CPR procedures with infant, child, and adult manikins.

Captain Melinda Berry, certified as a professional rescue instructor, also instructed students in using the AED, automated external defibrillation, which would be used in conjunction with CPR. Each minute that defibrillation is delayed, the chances of survival are reduced by about 10 percent.

Cadets and senior members completed the course to enhance their ES training.

### SDWG Holds SLS & CLC

South Dakota Wing held SLS and CLC courses in January at Ellsworth AFB. Twelve members attended the CLC and four attended the SLS from both North and South Dakota wings. The courses were held on Saturday and Sunday with a graduation ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Members of South Dakota Wing assisted in instruction for both courses. The course directors were Maj. Randy Borton and Maj. Mike Mouw of Rushmore Composite Squadron.

The training was held in conjunction with South Dakota's Cadet NCO Academy and Airmen Leadership School (see story page 4).



### Group II Studies First Aid

Sixteen members of Missouri's Group II met at the Redbird Cadet Squadron located at Gateway Institute of Technology High School in St. Louis February 3. These members braved the below freezing temperature to spend their Saturday listening to a retired Air Force Captain speak about – not flying, missiles, and war stories – but items like blood borne pathogens and types of bleeding.

The eight hour course, "Basic First Aid", was instructed by CAP Lt.Col. Ken Riddle. Riddle, a retired USAF Captain, is an EMT instructor for St. Louis Public Schools as well as the Squadron Commander of the Redbird Cadet Squadron, located at the school.

The course also discussed items such as bleeding control, shock management, wound care, allergic reactions, and burns. The class participated in "hands-on" scenarios as a test of knowledge using the EMT Classroom's state-of-the-art resources such as bandages, splints, rescue breathing masks, and mannequins.

"The more people that are trained and qualified to help others in need make us all better," Riddle said. "Even though we are not full time, paid rescuers, we are there to help 'So Others May Live.' It's that spirit of volunteerism that helps us to overcome adversities. We are there because we care and want to make a difference."

When the class finished, twelve members from the Mid-Rivers Senior Squadron and two cadets from Redbird completed the training.

"Having this training to be better prepared in the event of use on a mission is a great tool to have in your bag," said Capt. Brian Thompson Mid-River's Emergency Services Officer who completed the training. "This knowledge and experience may help save someone's life."

## Ellsworth AFB Hosts Leadership Academy

*Editor's Note: The following article was written by Air Force 2nd Lt. Lauren Wright of the 28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office at Ellsworth Air Force Base, and is reprinted with permission. The activity was organized for CAP by C/Maj. Francesca Fogarty of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron with assistance from Capt. Dave Martin and 1 Lt. Peter Coates of South Dakota Wing. Cadets from North and South Dakota participated.*

More than 55 Civil Air Patrol cadets visited here Jan. 19 through 21 for a state-wide leadership academy. The quarterly function brought CAP cadets from across South Dakota to further their leadership training and exposure to military culture.

Ellsworth supported the weekend event by opening lodging facilities, classrooms, dining facility and fitness center to attendees.

"It's been a base-wide effort," said Capt. David Marten, 28th Operations Support Squadron chief of air operations, who organized the weekend and serves as the CAP South Dakota director of cadet programs.

Non-commissioned officers and company grade officers also participated. Ellsworth NCOs discussed their unique responsibilities and the relationship they have with officers and the junior Airmen they supervise. CGOs from across career fields talked about their job and why they joined the military.

"I came out to serve our country; it's a noble profession," said 2nd Lt. Overton Spence, 28th Contracting Squadron contract manager.

"Basically, my job is helping people, and that's what I like to do," said Capt. Chennel McClung, 28th Mission Support Group consolidated group orderly room officer in charge.

Company grade officers in the 34th Bomb

Squadron, public affairs and the office of special investigations also contributed to the panel discussion.

As a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol volunteers conduct air and ground search missions for the U.S. Air Force, and promote aerospace education. CAP was founded in 1941 to protect homeland security, its oldest on-going mission.

Members of South Dakota Wing across the state volunteer countless hours in regular weekly meetings, state-wide training exercises like the one at Ellsworth, and other special activities serving their communities and state. Other quarterly exercises include aerospace education, which focuses on flying and aircraft, and ground team training, which assists with the search-and-rescue aspect of the CAP mission.

Cadets are divided for training by rank. CAP Airmen learn uniform care, rank structure, bearing and history

in a style inspired by Airman Leadership School. Approximately 30 Airman CAP cadets visited Ellsworth. The rest of the cadets were CAP NCOs, who learned about what it means to serve and develop relationships with supervisors and subordinates. NCO training is modeled after Air Force NCO Academy.



Nearly 25 CAP adult members also came to Ellsworth for professional development. Some attended squadron leadership school, which is similar to Air Force Squadron Officer School or a corporate learning course, which are based on Air Force Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College, respectfully.

"Civil Air Patrol gave me a taste of military life," said Captain Marten. "It started me off on an Air Force career."

The captain said he enjoys helping cadets through the CAP program.

"It's personally rewarding to see the cadets progress," he said.



### Minnesota Wing Completes Winter Training Exercise

A Winter Survival Training Weekend was recently held in northern Minnesota to train CAP members for cold weather Search and Rescue operations.

The Northland Composite Squadron in Bemidji teamed up with squadrons from Wesota (Willmar), Hutchinson, Cass County (Walker), St. Paul, Lakeville and Crow Wing (Brainerd) for two days of training near a farm near Laporte. Cadets and seniors focused on surviving in winter conditions while conducting search operations, as well as cover shelter construction, land navigation, missing person searches, ELT searches in wooded areas, night operations and much more.

Participant's lived, slept and ate outside. Normally, there's indoor shelter provided during a search, but not this weekend.

Major Chet Wilberg of Hutchinson, ground team training officer for Minnesota, led the exercise.

"We walked into our camp site at night," Wilberg said. "It was a little cold, but it provided realistic training conditions in the event of a search and rescue mission during a Minnesota winter."

Training also included safety, air-ground search coordination, search lines and crash site security. Additional classes on first aid, litter carry and use of an emergency locations transmitter for finding downed aircraft were also provided, along with a number practical training scenarios.

Approximately 40 cadets and senior members participated in the exercise.



## Iowa Wing Reorganizes

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In 2006, a CAP mandatory leave of absence bill was introduced in the Iowa Legislature. The bill passed and protects the jobs of CAP officers who are activated to perform missions for the State of Iowa. Internal changes included creating a wing wide Officer Training School (OTS) to train all new officers who join the Wing to ensure quality and speed in their initial training. The Wing consolidated its meetings, training, and planning into a Wing Training Assembly (WTA) that occurs on the fourth weekend of the month at Camp Dodge. This Wing Training is designed to maximize the time spent on CAP at a minimum of expense to the member.

The wing uses its state appropriations to provide transportation, food, and lodging to all its members to come to these WTA's at no cost. A squadron was also created called the "All Iowa Squadron." This unit was created to meet during the WTA's and allow potential members from areas of the State that do not have local squadrons nearby to still give of their talents to the organization.

Hearing many great things about Iowa, CAP National Commander, Maj Gen Pineda flew into Iowa to see what is going on with the Wing that is the talk of the nation.

Maj Gen Pineda was briefed by the leadership of the Iowa National Guard, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, and the Iowa Wing as to the re-organization of the Wing and improvement of its relationships.

He visited with Maj Gen Ron Dardis, the adjutant general of Iowa, and Brig Gen Mark Zirkelbach, the deputy adjutant general, regarding Iowa Wing and its working relationship with the Iowa National Guard. He also visited Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management officials about how CAP is being tasked for more and more missions.

The National Commander flew in "CAP Flight 1" to Fort Dodge. There he met members of the Iowa Air National Guard's 133rd Test Squadron and the CAP

NW Iowa Squadron. He learned of Iowa Wing's "embedded" squadron. The CAP squadron meets during the Air Guard's Drill. The CAP unit regularly trains with the Air Guard Unit. Air National Guard NCO's give cadets instruction in drill and ceremonies and color guard. Officers are given Homeland Security briefings by the unit's intel officer. The squadron eats chow with the Air Guard during their meeting and even participates in the unit's social functions.

At the conclusion of Maj Gen Pineda's tour he was able to see the Iowa Wing recognized for its hard work and diligent public service.

The adjutant general of Iowa presented the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service to Col Ralph Tomlinson, Lt Col Nick Critelli, Lt Col Mike McCoy, Lt Col Nick Critelli, Maj John Halbrook,

Maj Doug Jansen and Capt Roger Elliott. The presentation ceremony was done at the Iowa National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters with the leadership of the Iowa National Guard in attendance.

Colonel Tomlinson was also presented with the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award.

Major General Ron Dardis, the adjutant general of

Iowa, presided over the ceremony along with CAP National Commander Major General Antonio J. Pineda.

The ceremony is believed to mark the first time these awards have been conferred upon CAP officers and the first time Department of the Army medals for civilians were pinned on CAP officers since World War II.

The officers were presented with the awards because of their efforts and support of the re-organization of the Iowa Wing over the past three years.

Major General Dardis spoke about his appreciation for the Iowa CAP as a whole and how they have stepped up to the plate to aid in disaster relief and emergency response in Iowa.

Iowa Wing invites members of other wings to come to one of their Wing Training Assemblies to come see the improvements Iowa Wing has made.



*Col. Tomlinson is presented his Army Outstanding Service Award.*



## **Campbell Named Wing CV**

Lt. Col. Troy M. Campbell has been named Missouri Wing vice commander. Former vice commander, Major Mueth stood down earlier due to personal obligations.

Campbell has been a CAP member for nearly 14 years, joining the Northland Composite Squadron in 1993 at the urging of his daughter, just in time for the "great flood of '93."

He has served in numerous squadron, group and region positions, most recently as a special projects officer for North Central Region, implementing Internet-based programs, including the region-wide Internet-based safety briefing system.

Lt. Col. Campbell is married to Capt. Cynthia Campbell, CAP. Their daughter, Captain Carrie Graves, US Army, is a former cadet and serves in a Airborne Medical Battalion in Iraq after graduating from the University of Columbia with degrees in chemistry, microbiology and military science.

## **Pierre, SD, Unit Gets New CC, Name**

Capt. Tom Murphy has been named commander of the CAP unit in Pierre, SD, the state capitol. Murphy has been a CAP member since 2005 and has qualified as a mission scanner. He has served as the unit personnel officer and admin officer.

South Dakota Wing Commander, Col. Mike Beason commended outgoing commander Lt.Col. Myra Christensen for her service. She remains wing governmental relations officer.

Beason also announced that the Pierre unit, one of the oldest continually operating CAP units in South Dakota, has returned to composite squadron status, after several years as a flight.

## **University Lecture Series Named for CAP Member**

On March 12, the inaugural Peterson Public Lecture Series in Physics will be presented at Kansas State University. Utilizing leading researchers in cosmology or quantum mechanics, the lectures will be held on a continuing basis every two years at K-State, one year at the University of Kansas, and then rotated back to K-State, supported by a contribution from long-time Kansas CAP member, Lt.Col. Chester Peterson Jr.

The initial lecture will be presented by Dr. Lawrence M. Krauss of Case Western Reserve University. A noted theorist and researcher, he's had six best-seller books, including the highly popular "The Physics of Star Trek."

Peterson earned two B.S. degrees and a M.S. from K-State. While in college he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta honor societies, Sigma Delta Chi professional fraternity, and was a Senior Leader. A career writer-photographer-editor, he's had an estimated four million words published, including ten books.

"Cosmology and quantum mechanics are intriguing, exciting fields that are of interest to an increasing number of people, both laymen and in the scientific community," Peterson commented. "My hope is that these remarkable lectures will, in addition to informing us all, also serve as a catalyst to interest potential students in the fascinating world of modern physics."

"Mr. Peterson's generous gift provides our department and the Center for Understanding of Origins with an opportunity to increase our efforts to inform the public about important scientific issues and discoveries," Dr. Dean Zollman, head of the K-State physics department said. "Because of this lecture series we'll be able to bring outstanding cosmologists and quantum scientists to campus and provide all interested people on campus, in the community, and in Kansas the opportunity to interact with them."

## **N. Dakota Cadet Wins County Spelling Bee**

Cadet Miles Way of the Magic City Composite Squadron won the Ward County Spelling Bee, emerging from the oral round against 20 other fifth-through eighth-graders, the top finishers in the competition's written round earlier in the morning.

Way, a seventh-grader at Memorial Middle School at Minot Air Force Base, will compete in the state spelling bee March 23 in Bismarck. He has been a member of the Magic City Composite Squadron since January 2006.



*Lt.Col. Chester Peterson Jr.*